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Rao Sahib V. I. Muniswami Pillai:—"What is the opinion of the Government when the orthodox Hindus ask for special facilities?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—"The Government have not come to any decision yet."

Co-operation

Debit to the District Bank of the cost of notifications regarding the liquidation of rural societies.

* 705 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the District Bank is called upon to pay the cost of notifications in case of liquidation of any rural society within its area;

(*b*) whether the Government give any advance to cover such incidental expenses and recover it out of the realizations;

(*c*) the average period for which liquidation proceedings have continued in general and such period in the Anantapur district in particular; and

(*d*) whether the cost of the notifications regarding liquidation is entirely borne by the Government or whether it is recoverable with or without any interest?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) Clause (*a*) of rule XVII of the Rules under the Madras Co-operative Societies Act, VI of 1932, provides that the appointment of the liquidator of a co-operative society shall be notified by the Registrar in the *Fort St. George Gazette.* Accordingly, notifications regarding the cancellation of the registration and the appointment of liquidators of rural societies are sent to the Superintendent, Government Press, for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette.* The costs are entirely borne by Government as the issue of a notification is a statutory duty imposed on the Registrar.

(*c*) The periods for which liquidation proceedings continue depend upon several factors and mainly upon the amount of assets to be recovered and the nature of the persons from whom the assets have to be recovered—their solvency, their tendency to litigation, etc. Generally, it takes about two to four years to complete the liquidation proceedings in societies and, in a large number of cases, it takes about three years. In the Anantapur district, liquidation proceedings are closed in about two years on the average.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"The answer says: 'The costs are entirely borne by Government as the issue of a notification is a statutory duty imposed on the Registrar.' May I request the Hon. Minister to order the refund of such costs collected from parties?"

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The Hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN :—" If any amounts have been paid, I shall ask the Registrar to consider the question of returning them."

UNSTARRED QUESTION

Electricity

Proposal for the establishment of a central electric generating scheme for Vizagapatam.

706 *Q*.—The ZAMINDAR OF KIRLAMPUDI: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are contemplating a central electric generating scheme for Vizagapatam; if so, whether it is a hydraulic or a thermal scheme;

(*b*) whether they have investigated the scheme and prepared plans for the same; and

(*c*) if so, what the expenditure incurred for that purpose is?

A.—(*a*) Yes. It is a thermal scheme.

(*b*) Yes. Report and preliminary plans have been prepared.

(*c*) The work was not carried out by a staff specially engaged for the purpose but was attended to by the ordinary staff of the Electricity department. It is not therefore possible to state the actual expenditure incurred on the work. A sum of Rs. 430 has been incurred by way of travelling allowances of the officers who carried out field investigation.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *RE* POSTPONEMENT OF THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH KANARA DISTRICT BOARD.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" Sir, under Standing Order No. 19, I move—

'*that the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, to wit, the action of the Government postponing the election of the President of the District Board of South Kanara.*"

Mr. AHMED MEERAN :—" I second it."

The Hon. the PRESIDENT :—" May I ask the hon. Member who has moved this how the motion which was not urgent last week has come to be urgent this week? "